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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453/Add.3)*]

52/1. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

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The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] the report of

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[1] Consequently, resolution 52/1, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 52/1 A.

[2] A/52/810 and A/52/858.

[3] A/52/897.

the Office of Internal Oversight Services[4] and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Regrets* that the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the cost-benefit analysis were not available for consideration in conjunction with the report of the Secretary-General[6] which deals, *inter alia*, with the cost-benefit analysis;

4. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General contains, *inter alia*, a cost-benefit analysis of the operation of the Logistics Base and information on progress in the clearance of the backlog inventory, on the use of the Logistics Base by United Nations agencies and programmes and on the Logistics Base communications relay system and its functions, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/1 A;

5. *Approves* the proposal of the Secretary-General with regard to the funding mechanism set out in paragraph 33 of his report;[6]

6. *Also approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 7,141,800 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, including the amount of 829,900 dollars for the completion of two start-up kits;

7. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,025,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, and to prorate the balance of 5,116,000 dollars among the approved appropriations of the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and twenty-eight locally recruited staff;

9. *Approves* the resourcing policy proposed in section VIII of the previous report of the Secretary-General[7] regarding the inclusion in future liquidation budgets of provision for the cost of repair, refurbishment and preservation, equal to 30 per cent of the total depreciated value of the equipment to be transferred to the Logistics Base;

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[4] A/52/426, annex, para. 24.

[5] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 63rd and 65th meetings (A/C.5/52/SR.63 and 65), and corrigendum.

[6] A/52/858.

[7] A/51/905.

10. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question upon submission by the Advisory Committee of its observations and recommendations on the cost-benefit analysis contained in the report of the Secretary-General.[6]

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